

markets, and I want to commend the Federal Maritime Commission, its Chairman, Hal Creel, and members of the administration, particularly Stu Eizenstat, for the good work they have done in bringing this to a conclusion.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the regular order.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF ALGENON L. MARBLEY, OF OHIO, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 5 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will now go into executive session and proceed to vote on the nomination of Algenon L. Marbley, of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Algenon L. Marbley, of Ohio, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO], the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. FAIRCLOTH], the Senator from Delaware [Mr. ROTH], and the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] are necessarily absent.

Mr. FORD. I announce that the Senator from Delaware [Mr. BIDEN], the Senator from Massachusetts [Mr. KENNEDY], the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG], the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI], and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from New Jersey [Mr. LAUTENBERG] would vote "aye."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 279 Ex.]

YEAS—91

Abraham	Bond	Byrd
Akaka	Boxer	Campbell
Allard	Breaux	Chafee
Ashcroft	Brownback	Cleland
Baucus	Bryan	Coats
Bennett	Bumpers	Cochran
Bingaman	Burns	Collins

Conrad	Holms	Murkowski
Coverdell	Hollings	Murray
Craig	Hutchinson	Nickles
Daschle	Hutchison	Reed
DeWine	Inhofe	Reid
Dodd	Inouye	Robb
Domenici	Jeffords	Roberts
Dorgan	Johnson	Rockefeller
Durbin	Kempthorne	Santorum
Enzi	Kerrey	Sarbanes
Feingold	Kerry	Sessions
Feinstein	Kohl	Shelby
Ford	Kyl	Smith (NH)
Frist	Landrieu	Smith (OR)
Glenn	Leahy	Snowe
Gorton	Levin	Specter
Graham	Lieberman	Stevens
Gramm	Lott	Thomas
Grassley	Lugar	Thompson
Gregg	Mack	Thurmond
Hagel	McCain	Torricelli
Harkin	McConnell	Wellstone
Hatch	Moseley-Braun	
	Moynihan	

NOT VOTING—9

Biden	Kennedy	Roth
D'Amato	Lautenberg	Warner
Faircloth	Mikulski	Wyden

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table, and the President will be notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

Mr. LOTT addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H.R. 2107

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, immediately following the cloture vote, if not invoked on Tuesday morning, the Senate then turn to the Interior appropriations conference report; that the conference report be considered as having been read, and that it be limited to the following time constraints: 60 minutes on the conference report, to be equally divided between Senators GORTON and BYRD; 15 minutes for Senator MURKOWSKI; 10 minutes for Senator ASHCROFT; 10 minutes for Senator MCCAIN; that following the conclusion or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on the adoption of the conference report without any further action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Let me confirm again, we have cleared this with the Democratic side of the aisle. This vote will be tomorrow, not tonight, and it will be after the cloture vote on the highway infrastructure bill. I have set out the times of debate before that vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS OF WYCHE FOWLER, JR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDIA ARABIA, AND THOMAS S. FOLEY, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 318, Wyche Fowler, and Executive Calendar No. 320, Thomas Foley. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 10 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form on these nominations; and that, finally, at 6:15 p.m. tonight, the Senate proceed to a vote on Calendar No. 318, to be followed by a vote on Calendar No. 320.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Those will be the final two votes of the night. Senator DASCHLE and I discussed this last week. This will give us time to have some brief statements in behalf of these two nominees to be ambassadors. I feel it is very important these actions be taken.

I also note that tomorrow, or not later than Wednesday, if we have not cleared them, we will also have votes on the five FCC nominations. We had discussed the need to do that, and we believe we will be able to move them tomorrow. If necessary, we will call for a recorded vote on those nominees also.

Mr. President, I yield the floor. If no Senator seeks recognition, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nominations.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of Wyche Fowler, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Thomas S. Foley, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Japan.

NOMINATION OF THOMAS S. FOLEY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, it is a personal pleasure and an honor for me to be here this afternoon as one of Washington's U.S. Senators. My State—my entire State—is immensely proud today as Tom Foley's nomination to be our Ambassador to Japan comes to the Senate floor.

Most of my Senate colleagues know Tom Foley personally as a result of working with him on legislation and on maintaining the integrity and authority of the legislative branch.